MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CAPE FEAR ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT SHADY GROVE,

SAMPSON COUNTY

November 29, 30, December 1, 1918

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STANDING COMMITTEES:

Obituaries—D. C. Johnson, S. F. Jackson, D. R. Ennis.

Temperance—W. R. Coats, W. P. Williford, W. R. Glover.

Education—J. F. Casey, J. H. Britt, J. F. Davis.

Ministerial Labor—C. J. Thomas, L. W. Warren, R. McLeod, G. N. Waters, W. H. Barnes.

Executive—W. R. Coats, W. A. Jackson, W. H. Lucas.

Mission Board—J. F. Casey, C. J. Thomas.

Ordaining Council—J. F. Hill, J. F. Casey, W. R. Coats.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES:

Casey, J. F.----------Goldsboro, N. C.
Coats, W. R.----------Four Oaks, N. C.
Ennis, D. R.----------Duke, N. C.
Ellis, J. S.----------Wilson Mills N. C.
Futrell, E. C.----------Goldsboro, N. C.
Faircloth, H. R.----------LaGrange, N. C.
Glover, W. R.----------Dunn, N. C.
Hill, J. F.----------Goldsboro, N. C.
Johnson, D. C.----------Smithfield, N. C.
McKay, E. J.----------Dunn, N. C.
Moore, J. W.----------Princeton, N. C.
Thomas, R. D.----------Four Oaks, N. C.
Wallace, J. R.----------Four Oaks, N. C.
Wilson, J. M.----------Keener, N. C.
Westbrook, Ezekiel----------Newton Grove, N. C.

LICENTIATES:

L. R. Ennis, Duke, N. C.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Introductory Sermon.

2—Enrollment of Standing Committees.

3—Enrollment of Ordained Ministers.

4—Enrollment of Licentiates.

5—Enrollment of Churches and Delegates.

6—Organization.

7—Appointment of Temporary Committees.

8—Petitionary Letters.

9—Hand of Fellowship to Visiting Members.

10—Reports from Churches.

11—Reports from Standing Committees.

12—Resolutions.

13—Reports from Temporary Committees.

14—Petition for next session of Conference.

15—Miscellaneous Business.

16—Vote Taken for the sitting of the next session.

17—Election of Officers.

18—Election of delegates to other Conferences.

19—Arrangements of Introductory at next session.

20—Vote of thanks.

21—Adjournment.

SHADY GROVE CHURCH

November 29, 1918.

The Sixty-Fourth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Original Free Will Baptist Conference, convened with the church at Shady Grove on date above named.

This session of Conference was changed from Friday before the First Sunday in November till Friday before the First Sunday in December on account of the influenza epidemic.

Elder L. H. Wetherington preached the Introductory Sermon, Text: Mark 6-36, 37.

One hour is given for dinner.

AFTERNOON. FIRST DAY.

Conference convened at 1:30. Prayer by Rev. H. R. Faircloth. The secretary presiding over the body, announced that nominations were in order for Moderator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our former Moderator, Bro. Z. Taylor. Bro. B. P. Parks was elected.

ENROLLMENT OF OFFICERS.

B. P. Parks, Moderator; R. M. Parker, Treasurer; W. A. Jackson, Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Obituaries—D. C. Johnson, S. F. Jackson, D. R. Ennis.

Temperance—W. R. Coats.

Education—J. F. Casey.

Ministerial Labor—C. J. Thomas, B. P. Parks.

Executive—W. R. Coats, W. A. Jackson.

Mission Board—J. F. Casey, C. J. Thomas.

Ordaining Council—J. F. Casey, W. R. Coats.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. F. Casey, W. R. Coats, D. R. Ennis, H. R. Faircloth, W. R. Glover, D. C. Johnson, J. R. Wallace, Ezekiel Westbrook.

LICENTIATES.

L. R. Ennis.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES. FIRST DAY.

Corinth—J. C. Smith, N. C. Strickland, W. F. Sewell.

Daly's Chapel—(by letter).

Goldsboro—Geo. N. Waters.

Hopewell—D. U. Thomas, W. L. Langdon, R. L. Langdon.

Johnson Union—J. W. Underwood, D. H. Avery.

Lee's Chapel—S. T. Herring, W. B. Godwin, T. S. Godwin.

Oak Grove—R. A. Jackson, Westbrook Lee.

Prospect—J. C. Ennis.

Robert's Grove—M. F. Jackson, Warren Jackson, W. H. Carroll.

Shady Grove—D. M. Wilson, J. C. Lockamy, Joseph Core.

St. Paul—B. J. Daughtry.

St. John—J. C. Sasser, Geo. E. Moye.

Union Springs—R. J. Pleasant, Willis A. Gregory, J. P. Stephenson.

Rock Ridge—J. E. Dorman, W. A. Ennis.

The Moderator calls to his assistance Bro. S. F. Jackson.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Religious exercises—D. M. Wilson, J. C. Lockamy, Joseph Core and L. H. Wetherington.

Recording text—Miss Carra Hawley.

Finance—J. C. Smith, Geo. N. Waters, Geo. E. Moye.

The hand of Fellowship is extended Rev. L. H. Wetherington, minister and delegate from the Eastern Conference, who was by vote given all the rights and privileges of this body.

Elder W. R. Glover is elected to fill the vacancy on the Temperance Committee caused by the death of Bro. W. H. Waters.

Bro. B. P. Parks offers his resignation as a member of the Ministerial Board. Resignation was accepted and Bro. Geo. N. Waters elected in his stead.

On motion the obituary of Bro. Z. Taylor, our former moderator, be placed in the minutes of this conference.

Elder W. R. Coats made some very encouraging remarks in regard to building a church at Four Oaks.

Committee on Religious Exercise report to preach to

night at 7:30 Rev. L. R. Ennis open, and Rev. H. R. Faircloth, preach.

Conference adjourns till tomorrow 9:30 a. m. Prayer by Rev. D. R. Ennis.

SECOND DAY, NOV. 30TH.

Conference convened according to adjournment. Devotional exercise conducted by Rev. W. R. Glover.

Roll called.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

ENROLLMENT. SECOND DAY.

Ministers, J. S. Ellis (by letter).

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Education—J. H. Britt.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Riverside—W. H. Martin.
St. Paul—M. A. Warrick.
Powhatan—W. H. Barnes, W. B. Parrish.
Pleasant Grove—W. J. West, R. Lucas.
St. Mary's Grove—A. J. Holmes, Jesse Pierce.

REPORTS FROM CHURCHES

(See statistical table).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

To preach at 11 a. m., Rev. J. R. Wallace open, and Rev. J. F. Casey, preach.

To preach at 2 p. m., Rev. D. C. Johnson.

To preach at 7:30 p. m., Rev. W. R. Glover open, and Rev. D. R. Ennis, preach.

Sunday at 11 a. m., Rev. W. R. Coats to preach.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Obituaries makes report. (see report)
Committee on Ministerial Labor makes report. (see report).
Committee on Temperance makes report. (see report).
The Ordaining Council report in the case of Elder J. W. Fuquay that they have been unable to locate him. Therefore upon the charges brought against him at last session of Conference we recommend that his Credentials be revoked through the Free Will Baptist and that his name be dropped from the roll of ordained ministers.
Resolution by Geo. N. Waters, S. F. Jackson, and D. M. Wilson was offered before the body and adopted. (see resolution).
The following committee was appointed to carry into effect the above resolution, viz: J. F. Casey, W. H. Martin, Warren Jackson, C. J. Thomas and W. H. Barnes.
One hour is given for dinner.

AFTERNOON. SECOND DAY.

Conference reassembles at 2 p. m.

A resolution is offered by Rev. W. R. Glover and adopted. (see resolution).
A resolution is offered by Geo. N. Waters and adopted. (see resolution).
Finance Committee makes report. (see report).
Mission Board makes report. (see report).
Committee on Education makes report. (see report).
On motion and carried that the Orphanage funds be turned over to W. R. Coats, the financial agent for the Conference.
On motion, each church report its Orphanage funds under the head of church statistical work.
On motion we have 1000 copies of the proceedings of this conference printed and distributed as follows: 50 each to the Eastern, Western and Central Conferences, balance among the various churches.
On motion the secretary be allowed $10.00 for his

services together with expense of printing, mailing, etc.

On motion a vote of thanks be tendered the church of Shady Grove and vicinity for their hospitality shown during the sitting of this Conference.

On motion the Secretary be and is hereby authorized to cooperate with the Eastern, Western and Central Conferences and arrange for having a sufficient amount of Disciplines printed to supply the needs of our Conference.

Several petitions were presented for the next session of Conference but were all withdrawn except Powhatan, which was given a unanimous vote for the next session.

On motion the Moderator be empowered to appoint delegates to the various Conferences. The following are appointed, viz: Eastern, Geo. Williams; Western, W. H. Martin; Central, D. R. Ennis; General Cooperative Association, at Pinkville, Kentucky, B. P. Parks.

On motion the pastor of Powhatan church preach the introductory sermon at the next Conference.

On motion Conference adjourns to meet with the church at Powhatan on Friday before the First Sunday in November, 1919, at 11 o'clock a. m.

B. P. PARKS, Moderator,
S. F. JACKSON, Ass't. Moderator.

W. A. JACKSON, Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Obituaries

We the Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following report:

The Lord through His Divine Providence has not seen fit to call from our midst any of our Ministers during the past year for which we feel grateful to Him, but has taken from us our former Moderator, Bro. Z. Taylor, whose Obituary we ask for an extension of time to prepare.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. JACKSON,
D. R. ENNIS,
D. C. JOHNSON,

Committee.

Ministerial

We find that some of our Ministers have done a splendid work this Conference year. We also find that some have grown negligent inasmuch as they fail to give their presence at the Conferences and Union Meetings.

We earnestly urge all Ministers to attend on all such occassions unless providentially hindered.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. THOMAS,
W. H. BARNES,

Committee.

Temperance

We the Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

Seeing the great need of a better united effort we ask that we join the great Temperance Leagues in order that we may help fight the great "Demon Drink" more manfully. We also ask that our preachers preach more forcibly and urge our members to be greater workers in the Temperance cause.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. GLOVER,
W. R. COATS,

Committee.

Finance

Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee.

Brought forward from last Conference:

For Home Missions	$ 11.50
For Orphanage	9.75
For Miscellaneous	9.10
Total brought forward	$ 30.35

Received at this Conference:

For Minutes	$ 32.75
For Education	12.50
For Home Mission	10.50
For Foreign Mission	4.50
For Miscellaneous	5.50
For Orphanage	37.90
For Fines	1.15
Total received for all purposes at this Conference	$104.80

Total on hand

For Home Mission	$ 22.00
For Orphanage	47.65
For Miscellaneous	14.60
For Minutes	32.75
For Education	12.50
For Foreign Mission	4.50
Fines	1.15
Total on hand	$135.15

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PARKER, Treasurer.
GEO. N. WATERS,
J. C. SMITH,
GEO. E. MOYE,
Committee.

Mission Board

We, the Mission Board, beg leave to submit the following report:

There has not been any Mission work reported to this Board since last Conference; however, there is an opening at Four Oaks. We recommend that Elder W. R. Coats be authorized to proceed at once to establish a church at this place.

We urge the churches to respond more freely with Mission Funds, as the work seems to be opening up.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. THOMAS,
J. F. CASEY,

Committee.

Education

We, the Committee on Education, beg to submit the following report:

Since our last Conference we have used the money raised for Educationa l work in assisting Bro. L. R. Ennis in paying his expense at the Ayden Seminary. By cooperating with the Educational Board of the Union Meeting we have been able to do more effective work.

We recommend that the money raised for Educational purposes be loaned to students instead of being given as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. CASEY,
J. H. BRITT,

Committee.

TEXTS USED DURING THE CONFERENCE:

Nov. 29, 11 a. m.—L. H. Wetherington—Mark, 6, 36-37.
Nov. 29, 7:30 p. m.—H. R. Faircloth—Psalm 92; 12.
Nov. 30 11 a. m.—J. F. Casey—Psalms—1:6-12.
Nov. 30, 2:30 p. m.—D. C. Johnson—Ephesians 6:17.
Nov. 30, 7:30 p. m.—D. R. Ennis—Matthew 16-26.
Dec. 1, 11 a. m.—W. R. Coats— ____ ----------.

Resolution

Seeing the great need of the furtherance of our cause and realizing that a better systematized form is needed to promote the work, therefore, be it Resolved:

1st—That this Conference ask each male member to pay one dollar and each female member fifty cents each per year for Conference funds.

2nd—That this fund be a general fund answering all needs of the Conference.

3rd—That a Committee of five be appointed to apportion this fund to the best interest of our cause. The report of this Committee to come before each session of Conference for adoption or rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. JACKSON,
GEO. N. WATERS,
D. M. WILSON,

Committee.

Resolution

Resolved: That any minister or delegate failing to answer to his name on the second day at roll call shall be fined 25 cents as a donation to the Orphanage.

W. R. GLOVER.

Resolution

Resolved: That the secretary be instructed to mail to each pastor or church, church letter blanks at least 30 days before each session of Conference.

GEO. N. WATERS.

The next Sunday School Convention will meet with Corinth Church on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m.

W. A. JACKSON, Pres.
M. F. JACKSON, Sec.

MINISTERS' REPORT

MINISTERS	Churches Served.	Members Received.	Sermons Preached.	Days in Revival.	Churches Organized.	Deacons Ordained.	Funerals Preached.	Sunday Schools Organized.	Sunday School Lecturers.	Married.	Mission Points.	Missionary Societies Organized.	Amount Received.
Casey, J. F.	4	21	130	----	----	1	16	----	2	2	----	----	$572.49
Coats, W. R.	4	48	108	30	----	----		1	4	----	----	----	450.00
Ennis, D. R.	4	40	106	35	1	2	10	3	2	2	1	----	383.00
Ellis, J. S.	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------
Futrell, E. C.	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------
Fuquay, J. W.	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------
Faircloth, H. R.	4	33	90	10	----	----	5	----	3	6	----	----	640.00
Glover, W. R.	1	----	36	10	----	----	4	----	5	----	1	----	18.50
Hill, J. F.	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------
Johnson, D. C.	1	7	53	21	----	----	3	----	----	5	----	----	77.00
Moore, J. W.	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------
Thomas, R. D.	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------
Wallace, J. R.	2	14	61	20	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	80.00
Wilson, J. M.	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------
Westbrook, Ezekiel	1	9	60	30	----	2	2	----	2	----	----	----	45.00
McKay, E. J.	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------

STATISTICAL TABLE 1918.

Churches and Counties.	For Minutes.	Education.	Home Mission	Foreign Mission.	Orphanage.	Paid to Pastor.	Assistant Pastorial Service.	Miscellaneous Fund.	Sunday School Fund.	Value of Church Property.	Members Received.	Baptised.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Increased.	Decreased.	Males.	Females	Total
Bethel, Johnston	$2.00	$2.00	$2.00	$2.00	$2.00	$ 75.00	$5.00	$ 20.00	$ 12.00	$1000.00	7	5	0	0	0	7	0	57	82	139
Bizzell's Grove, Wayne	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corinth, Sampson	1.00	---	---	---	3.00	125.00	21.00	6.00	20.00	1000.00	7	2	0	0	2	5	0	25	35	60
Casey's Chapel, Wayne	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Daly's Chapel, Lenior	1.50	1.00	1.00	.50	1.00	119.66	---	150.00	---	500.00	5	2	1	0	0	4	0	25	35	60
Goldsboro, Wayne	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	250.00	---	298.25	100.00	3000.00	13	5	4	0	4	5	0	35	82	117
Hopewell, Johnston	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	230.00	---	20.00	---	1000.00	13	11	0	0	0	13	0	44	65	109
Johnston Union, Johnston	3.00	---	---	---	---	203.43	---	150.00	112.20	800.00	14	10	0	0	1	13	0	32	50	82
LaGrange, Lenior	1.00	---	---	---	2.00	150.00	---	---	---	3000.00	11	7	0	0	1	11	0	15	33	48
Lee's Chapel, Sampson	1.50	---	---	1.50	---	128.00	---	19.00	---	1000.00	22	20	3	0	4	15	0	67	85	152
Oak Grove, Sampson	1.50	---	---	---	---	125.00	---	---	15.00	1000.00	1	0	0	2	2	0	3	19	62	81
Powhatan, Johnston	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	225.00	32.25	---	20.00	1000.00	19	13	0	0	1	18	0	47	64	111
Pleasant Grove, Harnett	.75	1.00	1.00	---	1.25	100.00	---	---	25.00	1000.00	4	3	0	3	2	0	1	30	42	72
Robert's Grove. Sampson	1.75	---	---	---	---	80.00	27.00	75.06	22.49	1000.00	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	20	43	63
Riverside, Wayne	.50	1.00	1.00	---	2.50	100.00	16.00	---	20.00	1000.00	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	23	37	60
Rock Ridge, Harnett	.75	---	1.00	---	3.40	50.00	10.00	100.00	---	2000.00	6	2	0	1	1	4	0	18	24	42
Shady Grove, Sampson	3.00	---	---	---	---	200.00	41.00	20.00	123.00	2000.00	7	7	2	1	4	0	0	125	266	391
St. Paul, Sampson	1.50	1.00	---	---	3.00	100.00	---	---	---	1000.00	12	10	2	2	1	7	0	---	---	99
St. Mary, Johnston	2.00	---	---	---	---	51.00	10.00	25.00	---	1000.00	13	12	0	0	1	12	0	23	38	61
St. John, Wayne	1.00	1.50	1.00	---	1.50	48.80	4.06	5.00	---	1250.00	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	24	30	54
Prospect, Harnett	2.00	.50	.50	---	9.25	36.80	---	---	25.00	1000.00	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	22	30	52
Union Spring, Harnett	1.00	---	1.00	---	1.00	35.00	---	1.00	---	500.00	9	8	0	1	2	6	0	22	31	31

Reported raised for Orphanage: Lee's Chapel, $159.75; Shady Grove, $400.00.

CHURCH DIRECTORY—1918

Church.	Clerk.	Postoffice Address.	Pastor for 1918.
Bethel	R. E. Thomas	Four Oaks	D. C. Johnson
Bizzel's Grove	G. E. Edwards	Mount Olive	
Corinth	N. C. Strickland	Dunn	D. R. Ennis
Casey's Chapel	Benjamin Casey	Goldsboro	J. F. Casey
Daly's Chapel	J. S. Wade	LaGrange	J. F. Casey
Goldsboro	L. C. Davis	Goldsboro	E. Poston
Hopewell	C. A. Wallace	Four Oaks	H. R. Faircloth
Johnson Union	John S. Davis	Wilson Mills	J. F. Casey
Lee's Chapel	W. B. Godwin	Dunn	D. R. Ennis
Oak Grove	Westbrook Lee, Sr.	Newton Grove	J. F. Casey
Powhatan	N. C. Smith	Clayton	H. R. Faircloth
Prospect	R. McLeod	Duke	J. R. Wallace
Pleasant Grove	W. J. West	Duke	W. R. Coats
Riverside	W. H. Martin	Princeton	W. R. Coats
Robert's Grove	S. F. Jackson	Cooper	D. R. Ennis
Shady Grove	W. A. Jackson	Cooper	S. H. Styron
St. Paul	J. H. Britt	Newton Grove	W. R. Coats
St. Mary's	R. A. Coats	Four Oaks	J. R. Wallace
St. John	George E. Moye	Goldsboro	H. R. Faircloth
Union Springs	W. A. Gregory	Coats	E. Westbrook
Rock Ridge	J. E. Dorman	Dunn	D. R. Ennis
LaGrange	C. W. Wilson	LaGrange	E. Poston